

# The Ninety-Nines



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## Chairman's Message

Welcome back to your Florida Suncoast chapter after our two month holiday from monthly meetings. We have a great year planned and hope that you all are marking your calendars to reserve the 2nd Saturday of each month for your chapter.

Charleen has been working diligently to plan our meetings and programs so be sure to read her Vice-Chair message. If you haven't already paid your chapter dues, be sure to drop them in the mail to Jeanne Burklund or bring your check-book to the September 8th meeting. Twenty dollars isn't much individually but your chapter is a good steward of its

finances and makes this amount stretch to provide for all of our activities.

I had a marvelous time in Ireland and wished that there had been some sister 99s in that country to look up. But we have none on the Emerald Isle. If you get a chance to visit, take it! Besides the glorious scenery at every turn, the people are so friendly and welcoming and love to share a bit of craic (pronounced crack and means good times and conversation). You won't be disappointed. I'll have some photos to share.

Plan on sharing YOUR summer adventure with everyone too! See you September 8th! *-Marilyn*

## Vice Chair's Corner

We had a fun and informational meeting in Crystal River in June with Gudi Davis as our hostess. Tom Davis gave us a very interesting presentation about what it was like to fly "back in the day" without our current navigation aids (e.g., GPS) to which we have become so accustomed. Tom was in the Navy for 33 years, was a fighter pilot in the Korean War & was a Strike Operations Officer in the Vietnam War. Tom says, "It's hard to get lost anymore...you have to work at it!" A female pilot from Tanzania, Soqui, who was in ATP training at the Crystal River Airport, joined us for both the meeting/presentation and the lunch afterwards at the local Greek restaurant & she had interesting stories to tell about flying in Africa, especially as one of the few licensed women pilots on the Continent. Thank you to Gudi (& Tom) for such a great time!

We have an eventful 2012-2013 "season" planned so far, with presentations, events & a fundraiser. (More information about the schedule will be in the next Newsletter). The "season" will be kicked off on Sept. 8 at The Tampa International Jet Center (between KTPA & the International Plaza) in the Large Conference Room. (The Jet Center's address is 4751 Jim Walter Blvd., Tampa 33607). We will begin with a meeting at 10:00 a.m. followed by a presentation from Jeff Anderson, Air Traffic Controller/Staff Support Specialist at KTPA, regarding flying VFR in Tampa Airspace. After Jeff's presentation, we will have lunch at California Pizza Kitchen ("CPK") at the International Plaza (CPK is located at 2223 North West Shore Blvd. #189; you can enter between Nordstrom & the "Robb & Stucky" building). Let's start off the "season" with a large show of faces at the September meeting! *-Charleen Ramus Jaffe*

## Florida Suncoast Chapter Events

**September 8th - 10:00AM**

**Tampa International Airport (KTPA) at Tampa International Jet Center FBO**

Meeting followed by a Presentation and Lunch to follow.

4751 Jim Walter Blvd., Tampa, FL 33607

### **Driving Directions:**

Tampa Jet Center is conveniently located directly behind (north of) the International Plaza Mall and Bay Street. From I-275, take N. Westshore Blvd. cross Spruce St. Just before the Mall entrance you will make a left and then a quick right to stay on N. West Shore Blvd. You will pass Gate Gourmet on your left hand side. N. Westshore Blvd. will turn right onto Jim Walter Blvd. and the Tampa Jet Center will then be located on the left hand side. Turn in at the Tampa Jet monument sign for our terminal.

### **Directions from Airfield:**

Tampa Jet Center is located off of Runway 9-27. On the southeast corner of the airfield. We are south of Taxiway S. We have bright yellow hangar doors and you can't miss our huge canopy with 'Jet Center' written on the side.

*(Info regarding future meetings will be in the next newsletter once the schedule has been finalized.)*

### Republican National Convention

As I'm sure you're all aware, the RNC is underway in the Tampa Bay area.

Just a reminder to be extra vigilant about checking TFRs this week, from **Aug 26 to 31**.

Click here for the FAA's Flight Advisory:  
[https://www.faa.gov/files/notices/2012/Jul/120730\\_Published\\_RNC\\_Flight\\_Advisory.pdf](https://www.faa.gov/files/notices/2012/Jul/120730_Published_RNC_Flight_Advisory.pdf)

### SE Section Meeting

**September 14 - 16, 2012**

Macon, GA

Click link below for registration packet.

<http://sesection99s.org/sitebuildercontent/sitebuilderfiles/sefallsectionmeetingv3.pdf>



### Blue Skies...

Our Chapter lost long time member, Eleanor Sharpe. Eleanor had been a member of The Ninety-Nines since 1978. A memorial service for Eleanor was held on Saturday July 21st at the Unity Church of Palm Harbor. Her obituary, which was published on TBO.com on July 15th, is below.

Eleanor Nettie Sharpe, 95, of Largo, formerly of Honolulu, HI, died July 1, 2012. She was born in Buffalo, NY. She is survived by cousins, John (Florence) Sharpe, Karen Sharpe and Don (Denise) Sharpe. Eleanor was an active member of the EAA Experimental Aircraft Association, CAP Civil Air Patrol, and the Post-Polio Survivors Group. She made her solo flight on April 9, 1975, and owned her own Ercoupe into her 80s. Eleanor was a faithful member of Unity Church of Palm Harbor.

A memorial service will be held there July 21, 2012, at 1:00 pm. Recently, she resided at Sabal Palms Nursing Facility. In lieu of flowers, family requests donations to: Post-Polio Health Intl. at [info@post-polio.org](mailto:info@post-polio.org) and EAA Chapter 282 Clearwater, FL.



*Eleanor in her Ercoupe*

**FLORIDA SUNCOAST CHAPTER MEETING**  
**June 9, 2012 – Crystal River Airport**

Charleen called the meeting to order at 10:10am at the Crystal River Airport in Crystal River.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the last meeting were approved as printed.

**Treasurers Report:** Jeanne Burklund gave the treasurer's report and it was filed for review.

**Space Camp:** The Space Camp winners were given certificates by Angie Inderwiesen and their pictures were in the last newsletter. The girls will be going to the same week of Space Camp and will be rooming together.

**Old Business:**

**By-Laws,** There are a number of bylaws and standing rules changes to be voted on at International. A motion was made to allow Marie Grein to use her discretion in voting for our chapter. Bertha Podwys made the motion and Gudi seconded. Motion passed.

**International Convention Delegates:** Our chapter has designated Elinor Kline and Marie Grein as our delegates to the 99s International Convention.

**New Business:**

**Budget 2012/2013:** The proposed budget for 2012/2013 was presented by Jeanne. After some discussion – Gudi motioned to accept the budget; Bertha seconded. Motion passed.

**International News – request for volunteers:** Volunteers are needed for the 99s tent at Oshkosh.

**NIFA** at Embry Riddle, October 30th to November 3rd. Marilyn will be attending again this year. Many more volunteers are needed for this educational event.

**July 4<sup>th</sup> – EAA Chapter 282 Barbecue:** The 99s are invited to the annual July 4<sup>th</sup> barbecue at Clearwater Airpark.

**Fantasy of Flight – Fathers Day:** Fantasy of Flight has a special for Fathers Day. Fathers get in free.

**Adjourned:** Motion to adjourn by Linda, seconded by Sue. Motion passed.

**Educational program** was presented by Tom Davis.

***KUDOS! Thanks to those members who have paid their Chapter Dues!***

Alice Paddock	Dominique Mellow	Marilyn Shafer
Barbara Sierchio	Dorothy Birdsong	Mary Fletcher
Barbara Yeninas	Elinor Kline	Nancy Wright
Bertha Podwys	Gudi Davis	Pat Hange
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